

March 20, 2011

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Lift up your eyes and see.

P: The God of heaven and earth welcomes us here.

L: Open your minds and trust.

P: God's protective help is everywhere.

L: Lift your hearts and believe.

P: God so loves the world that all can be saved.

*HYMN *"To God Be the Glory"* UMH No. 98

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, guide us into the truth of your generous love. When we try to exclude others from your promise, forgive us and open our hearts to be as generous and open with others as your Spirit is with us. When we think ourselves righteous or judge others to be condemned, forgive us and soften our hearts to be as gentle and loving as Jesus the Christ was when he walked upon this earth. Guide us to be people of true faith, blessed to be a blessing, born anew to share your salvation with all. In Christ's name we pray.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MISSION MOMENT

Prasna Daryanani

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF REFLECTION *"Lead Me, Lord"*

UMH No. 473

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:1-17

SERMON

"A Re-birth, again"

Rev. Stephen Cady

*HYMN

"Freely, Freely"

UMH No. 389

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Please put your name on offering envelope.*

GIVING OF GIFTS, TITHES, OFFERINGS

(In response to God's love, we offer our gifts, reflecting on what God has done in our lives this week.)

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bless these gifts, even as you bless our lives, O God. Through our offerings of time, talent, and wealth, may your name be made great in the world. May your blessing be shared with all in need, and may Christ's saving love be revealed to all the ends of the earth. Amen.

*HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

UMH No. 159

*CIRCLE OF LOVE *o Many Gifts, One Spirit, No. 114 v 1*

*LORD'S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.